

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Hodge et al.

Application No. 10/590,844

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Confirmation No. 8385

For: SCREENING FOR AGENTS THAT
DECREASE PATHOGENICITY BY
DECREASING RAB11A ACTIVITY

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This responds to the Office action dated December 10, 2008, for which a three-month period of reply was set, making a response due by March 10, 2009. Applicants hereby petition that the period for reply be extended through **April 10, 2009**. The one-month extension fee is being paid electronically from Deposit Account 02-4550. If any additional fees are required in connection with this filing, please charge the required fees or credit any overpayment to the same Deposit Account.

Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 5 and end with a brief conclusion on page 11.

A Statement in Compliance is submitted herewith.

A replacement **Sequence Listing** (txt and pdf format) is submitted herewith.